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- Describe the nature of licison between the Yugoslevian Foreign Office and the Politicare of the Communist party. Is the control of the decisions of the Foreign Office offected by the political commissars holding positions in the Foreign Office? Dose the Foreign Office maintain a separate Maison unit placed by the Polithure, or are the Polithuro's instructions, approvals, and overruings issued separately in each instance by Mardelj and/or other leading figures in the Politimro?
 - Since Apr 47 the Foreign Office has held daily councils to discuss its day's business and plot its course of action on minor routine matters. Conference, with the exemption of the Minister, are all party members who hold key posts as undersecretaries, secretaries general, or departmental chiefe. In theory, the Minister is supposed to refer all important matters to the Prime Minister. In practice, however, one of the undersecretarion usually taken up the matter with Kerdeli, Gillas, or Tito and recuives an immediate decision. In the sajority of cases, important problems are than decided before they are, for appearance sake, referred to the Prime Minister. It is my impression that liaison between the Foreign Office and the top party organs is offected through the undercometaries.
- What is the nature of control exerted by the Foreign Office over the Ministry of Foreign Trade? Is this a control of the Foreign Office or of the political commissare in the Foreign Office? Who are these political commissars? Hame thom.
 - A. The Foreign Office has no representatives to control or co-ordinate the activities of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, nor is there a party control emrelsed through party manhors in the Foreign Office. secretaries complained repeatedly over this lack of control.
- 3. Q. It is stated that the Minister of Finance, the Ministery of Railways, and the Post Office deliberately ignore the Poreign Office. Discuss this point in further detail. Give some specific instances.

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A. The effort to establish and maintain complete control of the wast state machinery by the top party organs resulted in a rigid vertical party control while horisontal control or co-ordination of institutions on a common level was neglected. This lack of co-ordination between institutions on the same level can also be assoribed in part to the possiliar mentality developed in a police state, perticularly a Communistic one. A Communist Party member, to shea the management of an institution is entrusted, is expected to carry out instructions received from a higher level oven though he disapproves of the instructions. He must not "criticise" his orders even in the event that they are subsequently resoluted as "mintakes." He knows that failure to comply with instructions may result in removal from office and loss of those special benefits connected with his position. At the came time, he knows that advancement and personal security come only to those who obey unquestioningly. All this knowledge breads cringing deference to superiors, complete indifference to equals, and a bullying attitude toward subscribmates.

Another reason for the lack of co-ordination on the same level is the general atmosphere of suspicion. Each person suspects everyone else and therefore takes the wise course of isolating himself and evincing interest in no business but his own. It is particularly unwise to show interest in any activities which may be of a confidential nature.

Following are instances where government departments have deliberately ignored the Foreign Office; there are possibly others:

- (a) The Ministry of Railways accepted less coal for reparations than the Hungarian Government was prepared to offer to other representatives of the Yugoslay Government.
- (b) The Post Office sent delegates to a telecommunication conference without consulting the Foreign Office.
- (c) The Ministry of Railways, without notifying the Foreign Office, negotiated with the Czechoslovskian Government regarding transportation and tariffs.
- (d) In matters pertaining to the World Bank, the International Fund, and the appointment of conference delegates, The Ministry of Finance habilably formulates its own policies and informs the Foreign Office only after action has been taken.

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